

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes Figures 1-4 which replaces Fig. 2A-2D. The prior two sheets of drawings with Figures 1A, 1B and 1C and Figures 2A-2D are withdrawn.

Amendments to the Description of the Drawings

Delete the descriptions for Figures 1A-1C and Figures 2A-2D and replace with the following:

Figure 1 is a front view of the bottle holder showing its use by a baby;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the holder of the present invention;

Figure 3 is a side elevational view of the holder shown in Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view of the support portion of the present invention.

Applicant requests that the prior Amendment After Final Rejection dated March 29, 2005 (which amended the description of Figure 2B) not be entered.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet with new Figures 1-4

REMARKS

Applicant has withdrawn from consideration the invention or embodiment depicted in previous Figures 1A, 1B, and 1C in this Request for Continuing Examination. The invention shown in Figures 1-4 and claimed in claims 15-23 is patentably distinct from any of the prior art.

Ho discloses an animal feeder which is unsuitable for use as a baby bottle holder. Ho does not have a pliant grip with a front surface, a back surface, a first surface, a second surface, an upper surface and a bottom surface forming a concavity as claimed by applicant. Instead, Ho teaches a belt 5 and a strap 6 which is affixed to a rigid board 1.

Skelton discloses a “support apparatus” for infant feeding but has a number of disadvantages over Applicant’s invention as claimed. Skelton is intended to be used with an infant carrier seat. Applicant’s invention can be used with or without a carrier seat. Skelton requires a wedge-shaped member which is cumbersome and more difficult to adjust to the particular infant’s size and needs. As discussed by Skelton, as the wedge-shaped member is required, the user must be concerned with the camber 7 in order to adjust the tilt of the bottle. With Applicant’s invention, adjusting the tilt of the bottle is so easy that the baby can do it for himself.

Further, the wedge-shaped member in Skelton must be secured to the carrier seat as well as being secured to the bottle. The support member which secures the wedge-shaped member to the bottle is a single strap, unlike Applicant’s grip. The one strap does not provide the same security combined with flexibility as Applicant’s grip which secures the bottle with or without straps.

Kordecki discloses a cumbersome “System for Bottle Feeding an Infant” which comprises a base 16 adapted to rest on the infant and a separate bottle holder 18. Base 16 and holder 18 are interconnected with hinges. The design disclosed in Kordecki is substantially more expensive to manufacture and less safe than Applicant’s invention as the baby is at risk of catching his fingers in the hinge or between the holder and the base. While Kordecki has provided a mast with slots to adjust the tilt of the bottle, the adjustment must be made by the infant’s caregiver. In contrast, applicant’s design is extremely inexpensive to manufacture and

the baby may adjust the tilt of the bottle himself completely free from danger of hurting himself with any of the parts.

Castillo, a design patent, discloses a wedge-shape member similar to Skelton with a concavity to hold the bottle. However, Castillo does not have any means to secure the bottle in the feeding position. None of the prior patents suggest having a holder shaped with lip formed in the upper surface which wraps back around the bottle to secure the baby bottle as disclosed and claimed by Applicant. Applicant's design includes a lip in the upper surface 134 which serves to secure the bottle into position for feeding.

Unlike any of the prior art, the preferred embodiment of Applicant's invention uses closed-cell foam which is both soft to prevent injury to the infant and repels moisture such as spilt milk.

In summary, none of the prior art discloses or suggests the unique features of Applicant's invention which solves the problems. Applicant respectfully request that claims 15-23 be allowed or that the Examiner conduct a telephone interview with Applicant's attorney.

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